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Sir:

This is to confirm Applicant's consent to an Examiner's amendment to the claims, given by telephone on September 26, 2004.

We propose the following text for claims 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17:

- 11. An aptamer having the sequence 5' TTG GAG GGG GTG GTG GGG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 4).
- 12. An aptamer having the sequence 5' GGG GAG GAG GGG CTG GAA 3' (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 14. An aptamer having the sequence 5' TTG GAG GGG GAG GAG GGG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 7).
- 15. An aptamer having the sequence 5' TTG GAG GGG GAG GTG GGG 3' (SEQ ID NO: 8).
- 17. A method of medicating an isolated immunecompetent cell, comprising administering to the cell an aptamer at a concentration effective to reduce CD28 expression, wherein the aptamer is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO: 8.

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REMARKS

It was agreed that, by means of an Examiner's amendment, Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 would be simplified by deleting superfluous language in the preamble, and that Claim 17 would read upon the use of the aptamers recited in Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15. The Examiner is invited to use the claim language proposed above.

Applicant reserves the right to file claims directed to subject matter surrendered during the prosecution of this application, in continuing or divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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